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SUBJECT: REQUEST OF DR. A.L. BORAINÉ FOR ASSISTANCE IN PROGRAMMING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO US

1. DR. A.L. BORAINÉ, LABOUR CONSULTANT TO THE ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION AND PARLIAMENTARY LABOUR SPOKESMAN FOR THE PROGRESSIVE REFORM PARTY IS PLANNING TO VISIT THE US IN SEPTEMBER. HE IS ALREADY SCHEDULED TO DELIVER TWO LECTURES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA ON SEPTEMBER 22 AND 23 BUT HAS REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING A 2-3 WEEK PROGRAM BEGINNING ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 8 WHICH, USING WASHINGTON AS A BASE, WOULD ENABLE HIM TO MEET KEY FIGURES IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS FROM THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT, MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT AND THE ACADEMIC WORLD. AMONG THE PEOPLE HE HAS EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN MEETING ARE SECRETARY OF LABOR DUNLOP AND PROFESSORS DOERING (HARVARD), MYERS (MIT) AND KASSALOW AND SOMERS (WISCONSIN). DR. BORAINÉ PLANS TO VISIT CANADA EN ROUTE BACK TO SOUTH AFRICA AFTER LECTURING IN INDIANA BUT SAYS HE WOULD BE GLAD TO REMAIN IN THE US FOR A WEEK TO TEN DAYS AFTER INDIANA IF THIS WOULD INCREASE THE POSSIBILITY OF MEETING THE PEOPLE HE WANTS TO MEET.

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2. DR. BORAINES GIVES AS THE REASON FOR HIS VISIT HIS DESIRE "TO GATHER INFORMATION AND VIEWS WITH REGARD TO GENERAL LABOUR RELATIONS PATTERNS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND IN PARTICULAR ANY MOVE WHICH MAY BE TAKING PLACE TOWARDS THE DECENTRALIZATION OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING IN THE UNITED STATES." HE ADDS, "THIS INFORMATION IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE AS A MAJOR DEBATE IS DEVELOPING IN SOUTH AFRICA AS TO THE MOST APPROPRIATE STRUCTURES FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR BLACK WORKERS AND WHETHER THESE STRUCTURES SHALL BE CENTRALISED OR DECENTRALISED."

3. GIVEN DR. BORAINES'S DUAL ROLE AS LABOR SPOKESMAN FOR BOTH ANGLO AMERICAN AND THE PROGRESSIVE REFORM PARTY, PLUS THE FACT THAT, DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, HE HAS BECOME ONE OF THE MOST ARTICULATE AND CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICS OF THE SAG'S LABOR POLICIES AS THEY PERTAIN TO BLACK WORKERS, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAKE EVERY REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE EFFORT TO ASSIST HIM IN HIS US MISSION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING WORD ASAP ON THE POSSIBILITIES OF DEVELOPING THE TYPE OF PROGRAM HE HAS REQUESTED.  
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